

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in this patent application. By the amendment, claim 1 has been canceled, claims 2-3 and 5-10 have been amended, and claims 11-18 have been added. Reconsideration of this patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5 and 8 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Such claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's instructions. As a result, claims 5 and 8 are believed to be in proper form for allowance.

First 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 1, 2, 6, 9, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Gillies et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,272,370). Claim 1 has been canceled. Claims 2, 6, 9, and 10 have been amended to depend directly from presumably allowable claim 5. Thus, claims 2, 6, 9, and 10 are believed to be allowable over the cited art.

Second 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 3, 4, and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Gillies et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,272,370) in view of Ben-Haim

(U.S. Patent No. 6,203,493). Claims 3, 4, and 7 have been amended to depend directly or indirectly from presumably allowable claim 5. Thus, claims 3, 4, and 7 are believed to be allowable over the cited art.

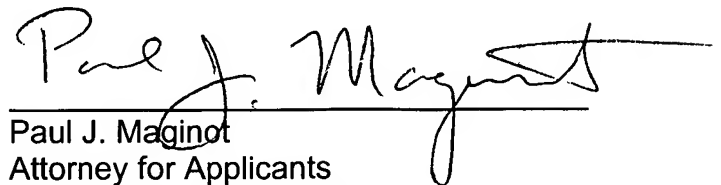
Newly Added Claims 11-18

Claims 11-18 have been added. Each of these claims depend directly or indirectly from presumably allowable claim 8. Thus, each of claims 11-18 is allowable over the cited art.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Action to that end is hereby solicited. It is respectfully submitted that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and any deficiency in fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to our Deposit Account No. 13-0014.

Respectfully submitted,
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